

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-11 remain in the application with claims 8 and 12 having been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 1-7 and 9-11.

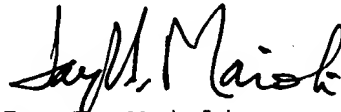
The cancellation of claims 8 and 12 renders moot the rejection thereof under 35 USC 102(e).

Therefore, by reason of the cancellation of claims 8 and 12, only allowed claims remain in this application.

Accordingly, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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